**NEWS RELEASE**

The Hamilton Police and Fire Departments assisted in rescuing a male party from Chebacco Lake after falling overboard Tuesday afternoon. The Hamilton Communications Center received a 9-1-1 transfer call from the Methuen Police Department reporting his father had fallen overboard from his boat in Hamilton on Chebacco Lake. Units from Hamilton Police, Hamilton Fire and Beauport Ambulance all responded initially as did additional police units from Essex and Manchester-by-the-Sea.

Shortly upon arrival at the State Boat Ramp on Chebacco Rd a person was spotted in the water being tended to by two other kayakers. The Hamilton Fire Boat entered the water from the Boat Ramp to respond to the area at the same time as Essex Police Sergeant Ryan Davis responded on a private boat operated by Retired Wenham Fire Chief Bob Blanchard.

The victim was conscious and alert when pulled out of the water by Sgt. Davis and transported back to the Boat Ramp by the Hamilton Fire Boat. The victim’s boat was also later towed back to the boat ramp by the Fire Boat.

With the summer boating season well under way, the Hamilton Police and Fire Departments would like to remind all boaters that while having a life vest/jacket on board is great, it is better to be wearing the life vest/jacket in case of an emergency.